towards the Dignity of Our Crown, and the common peace of
Our realm

* Given at Our Manor of Richmond, the i8th of October,
1591, in the 33rd year of Our reign *

Instructions set forth for the guidance of the commissioners
show the form of questions-to be put to those suspected of being
recusants The commissioners shall obtain from the *custos rotulorwn*$_y$ the clerk of the peace, or the clerk of assizes, the names
of those suspected, but their names not to be published unless
some probable cause appear why they should be examined or
apprehended Nor shall suspected persons be pressed to answer
any matter touching the conscience in religion, other than
whether they usually come to Church or not, if they appear
wilful recusants, then are they to be examined concerning their
allegiance to the Queen, and of their devotion to the Pope or
to the King of Spain, and whether they maintain any Jesuits,
Seminaries, priests or other persons sent from beyond the seas
to dissuade the Queen's subjects from their allegiance In every
town or large parish where the parsons or vicars are faithful and
careful of their cures, they are to be urged to observe all such
as refuse obstinately to come to Church Those called before
the commissioners, but not punished by the law, to be warned
that their recusancy causeth them to be suspected of being dis-
loyal in the duties towards the Queen and State or of favouring
the common enemies

25 *tb November* THE SIEGE OF ROUEN

The Earl of Essex hath returned from Rouen, which is now
besieged There have been skirmishes but nothing of great
moment.

On the 4th November in the night there sallied out of the

Castle against the quarter of Monsieur Flavencourt 400 soldiers, burnt it over his head and slew as many as stood the defence, took his baggage, his horses and mules , but were at last forced to retire by certain Gascons and a regiment of French, leaving on the ground 26 dead and 8 prisoners, of whom two were English and one Spanish

The next day one of the enemy's horse issued forth, a brave fellow all m crimson velvet, and called out one of ours to the